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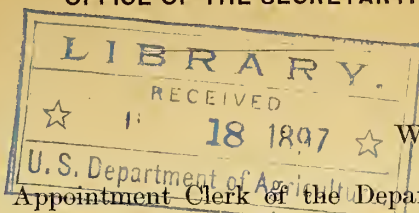


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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,

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WASHINGTON, D. C., April 21, 1897.

The following report of the ~~Appointment Clerk~~ of the Department of Agriculture respecting the status of the classified service in the Department of Agriculture is hereby ordered to be published.

JAMES WILSON,
Secretary of Agriculture.

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
OFFICE OF THE APPOINTMENT CLERK,
Washington, D. C., April 21, 1897.

The Honorable

THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE,
Washington, D. C.

SIR:

In compliance with your request, I have the honor to report the present status of the classified service, in the Department of Agriculture, to be as follows:

By the provisions of the Civil Service Act, and the rules of the Civil Service Commission, approved by the President, all the Officers, Clerks, and Employees of the Department of Agriculture, except those in the grade of mere Laborers and Charwomen, whether located in Washington, D. C., or elsewhere, are now embraced in the classified service.

These include the Chief Clerk of the Department, the Appointment Clerk, the Librarian, all Chiefs and Assistant Chiefs of Divisions, Scientists, Statisticians, Superintendents, Chiefs of Offices, Clerks and Copyists of every kind, State Statistical Agents, Special Agents, Field Agents, the Director of the Office of Experiment Stations, Chiefs of Sections, Experts, Folders, Engineers, Assistant Engineers, Firemen, Messengers, Assistant Messengers, Skilled Laborers, and Watchmen;

Also the Chief of the Bureau of Animal Industry, the Assistant Chief, and the Chief Clerk of the Bureau, all Clerks, Copyists, Superintendents of Quarantine Stations, Inspectors, Assistant Inspectors, Veterinary Inspectors, Microscopists, Assistant Microscopists, Taggers, Stock Examiners, and Live Stock Agents, in the Bureau of Animal Industry;

And also the Chief Clerk of the Weather Bureau, the Professors of Meteorology, Forecast Officials, Chiefs of Divisions, all Clerks, Local Forecasters, Observers, Experts, Compositors, Printers, Pressmen, Folders, Engineers, Firemen, Messengers, Assistant Messengers, Skilled Laborers, and Watchmen, in the Weather Bureau.

No place in the classified service of the Department can now be filled by original appointment save upon certification from the United States Civil Service Commission.

No Engineer, Assistant Engineer, Fireman, Messenger, Assistant Messenger, Skilled Laborer, Watchman, nor any person in any subordinate grade, can be promoted to a clerical position before passing a civil service examination for promotion thereto.

The Secretary of Agriculture, the Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, and the Chief of the Weather Bureau are above the classified service, being appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate.

Employees in the subordinate grade of Laborer, Charwoman, etc., are not within the classified service. Of such subordinate grade, however, very few are employed in Washington.

Very respectfully,

J. B. Bennett

Appointment Clerk.



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